

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Final Office Action mailed on April 13, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and considered. Claims 1-22 were last presented for examination. Claims 1, 4, 6, 16, 19 and 21 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 5, 11-15 and 22 have been cancelled without prejudice in favor of a continuing, re-issue or re-examination application. Claims 1, 4, 6-10 and 16-21 are now presented for further examination.


Applicant has amended the claims in the present application to place the claims, that have been indicated as being allowable by the Examiner, in independent form. All of the other claims have been cancelled without prejudice.

Hence, this amendment after final does not raise any new issues and places this application in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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